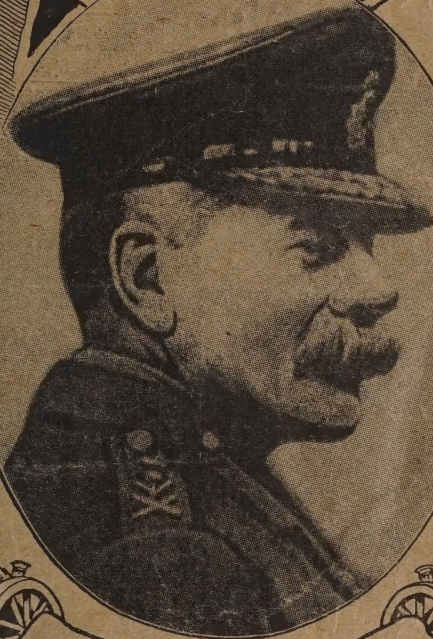
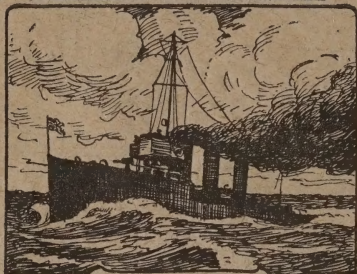


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F. M. Sir Douglas Haig.





Patrolling the North Sea

OUR SPLENDID NAVY



Jack at his Gun



Mine-sweepers at Work

JANUARY 1919

THE MOON'S CHANGES.

N. Moon, 2nd, 8.24 m. F. Moon, 16th, 8.44 m.
F. Quar., 9th, 10.55 m. L. Quar., 24th, 4.22 m.
N. Moon, 31st 11.7 a.

LON.

		Sun Rises & Sets
1	W	h. m.
2	TH	8 8r
3	F	4 1s
4	S	8 8r
		4 3s
5	S	8 7r
6	M	4 5s
7	TU	8 7r
8	W	4 8s
9	TH	8 6r
10	F	4 10s
11	S	8 5r
12	S	4 13s
13	M	8 3r
14	TU	4 16s
15	W	8 2r
16	TH	4 19s
17	F	8 or
18	S	4 22s
19	S	7 58r
20	M	4 26s
21	TU	7 56r
22	W	4 29s
23	TH	7 54r
24	F	4 32s
25	S	7 51r
26	S	4 35s
27	M	7 49r
28	TU	4 39s
29	W	7 46r
30	TH	4 43s
31	F	7 43r

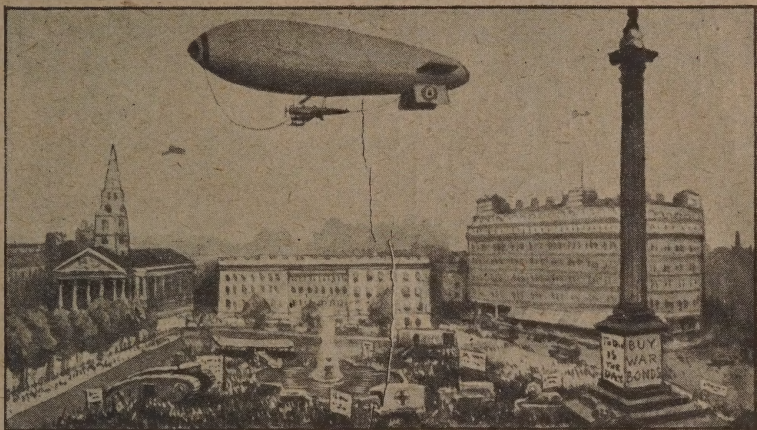
FEBRUARY 1919

THE MOON'S CHANGES.

F. Quar., 7th, 6.52 a. F. Moon, 14th, 11.38 a.
L. Quar., 23rd, 1.48 m.

LON.

		Sun Rises & Sets
1	S	h. m.
		7 42r
2	S	4 47s
3	M	7 40r
4	TU	4 51s
5	W	7 36r
6	TH	4 55s
7	F	7 33r
8	S	4 58s
9	S	7 29r
10	M	5 23s
11	TU	7 26r
12	W	5 6s
13	TH	7 22r
14	F	5 9s
15	S	7 18r
16	S	5 13s
17	M	7 14r
18	TU	5 17s
19	W	7 10r
20	TH	5 20s
21	F	7 6r
22	S	5 24s
23	S	7 21r
24	M	5 27s
25	TU	6 58r
26	W	5 31s
27	TH	6 54r
28	F	5 35s



TANK COLLECTING: SCENE IN TRAFALGAR SQUARE.

OUR INVINCIBLE NAVY.

IN the early days of the war thoughtless people were apt to inquire, What is our Navy doing? They ask the question no longer. They realise now that it is owing to the Navy that we are kept from starvation; that German commerce and shipping has been absolutely swept from the seas; that our Allies as well as ourselves have been supplied with munitions and food; and that troops from every part of the Empire have been safely transported across the ocean to come to the assistance of the Mother Land. Conditions of warfare at sea have greatly changed since Nelson's days, but the spirit of the Navy remains the same. It is seldom that we can now come to close quarters, for modern guns can be brought to bear upon enemy ships that are barely visible to the eye. Nor was anything known in Nelson's time of the hidden dangers of the torpedo, the mine, and the submarine. To cope successfully with these new menaces is one of the problems which is ever before our naval men, and one which they are satisfactorily solving.

NOT NATURE'S FAULT.

NATURE hasn't ordained that your baby shall suffer with his teeth any more than that he shall have measles and smallpox. And why do you let him suffer?—why suffer yourself through seeing him suffer? Woodward's Gripe Water, efficient, safe, handy, and sold under medical guarantee, ensures rest for baby, and a contented mind for yourself.

TANK COLLECTING IN LONDON.

THE Tank is the finest money-box that has ever been devised, and in London and many cities, towns, and villages in the country it has proved its value in obtaining subscriptions from all sorts and conditions of men and women, in order to carry on the War. There is nothing like golden bullets.

Trafalgar Square was the centre of the display. There the Tank was accompanied by guns captured from the Germans, ambulance vans, and many other apparatus of war; on the base of the Nelson Column was displayed an exhortation to "Buy War Bonds," and at intervals a British airship circled overhead. All day long there was a constant stream of people, municipal representatives, statesmen, business men, and others, who contributed—some their thousands, others the price of a single War Savings Certificate, in order to beat the Hun.

SIR DOUGLAS HAIG.

AS General Officer commanding at Aldershot Sir Douglas

Haig was naturally selected for high command in our army on the Continent, and ultimately to succeed Lord French in supreme control. He went through the Soudan campaign of 1898, being present at the battles of the Atbara and Omdurman. In South Africa he acted on the staff of the Cavalry Division in Natal, and was General French's Chief of Staff during the operations round Colesberg. Then he went to India as Inspector-General of Cavalry, becoming Chief of Staff in 1909.

GARDENING JANUARY

Protect plants from frost by a covering of straw. When weather is suitable sow radish, spinach, and parsley. Beans and early peas may be sown in warm situations. Persevere in the destruction of weeds and vermin. Cover with hoops and mats hyacinths in beds and borders. Dig and trench.

FEBRUARY

Plant cuttings of gooseberries, currants, and raspberries. Earth up winter greens. Sow early beans. Prune roses. Sow early carrots, turnips, and onions in light soil. Plant strawberries at end of month. Commence sowing of annuals. This is the month for propagating dahlias.

MARCH 1919

THE MOON'S CHANGES.

N. Moon, 2nd, 11.11 m. F. Moon, 16th, 3.41 a.
F. Quar., 9th, 3.14 m. L. Quar., 24th, 8.34 a.
N. Moon, 31st, 9.5 a.

LON.

Sun
Rises
6.50
Sets
8.20

1 S	St. David's Day.	h. m.
2 S	Quinquagesima Sunday.	6 50r
3 M	Close Time for Wild Birds till Aug. 1	5 38s
4 TU	Shrove Tuesday.	6 40r
5 W	Ash Wednesday.	5 42s
6 TH	John Redmond died, 1918. [1918.	6 41r
7 F	Peace sgd. bet. Germany and Finland,	5 45s
8 S	Count Zeppelin died, 1917.	6 37r
9 S	1st Sunday in Lent. [1918.	5 49s
10 M	Hosp. Ship Guildford Castle torpd.,	6 32r
11 TU	Bagdad captured by British, 1917.	5 52s
12 W	S. Gregory.	6 28r
13 TH	Revolution in Russia begun, 1917.	5 56s
14 F	Freshwater Coarse Fishing ends.	6 24r
15 S	Abdication of the Tsar of Russia, 1917.	5 59s
16 S	2nd Sunday in Lent.	6 20r
17 M	St. Patrick's Day.	6 3s
18 TU	King of Greece assassinated, 1913.	6 14r
19 W	St. Joseph's Day.	6 6s
20 TH	Princess Louise (D. of Argyll) b. 1848.	6 10r
21 F	Spring commences. [1918.	6 9s
22 S	(21) German "Gt. Advance" began,	6 5r
23 S	3rd Sunday in Lent.	6 13s
24 M	(25) Lord Wolseley d. 1913.	6 or
25 TU	Ann. of the B.V.M. Lady Day.	6 16s
26 W	Fall of Adrianople, 1913.	5 56r
27 TH	John Bright, died, 1889.	6 20s
28 F	Duke of Albany died, 1884.	5 52r
29 S	Capt. Scott died, 1912.	6 23s
30 S	4th Sunday in Lent.	5 47r
31 M	Cambridge Lent Term ends.	6 26s
		5 42r

APRIL 1919

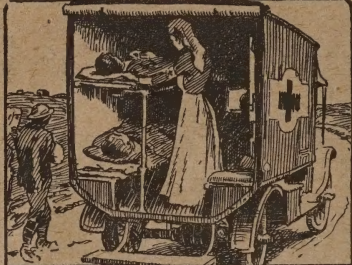
THE MOON'S CHANGES.

F. Quar., 7th, 0.39 a. L. Quar., 23rd, 11.21 m.
F. Moon, 15th, 8.25 m. N. Moon, 30th, 5.30 m.

LON.

Sun
Rises
6.07
Sets
8.20

1 TU	All Fools' Day. Curfew time legalised	h. m.
2 W	(1) Bismarck born, 1815. [1815.	5 40r
3 TH	Washington Irving b. 1783. [1918.	6 31s
4 F	(5) Jap. & Brit. Marines at Vladivostok,	5 35r
5 S	Dividends on Consols, etc., due.	6 34s
6 S	5th Sunday in Lent.	5 31r
7 M	(6) U.S.A. declares War on Ger., 1917.	6 28s
8 TU	King of the Belgians born, 1875.	5 26r
9 W	Gt. German adv. on British front, 1918.	6 41s
10 TH	A. C. Swinburne died, 1909.	5 22r
11 F	Capture of Armentières by Ger. 1918.	6 44s
12 S	Oxford Lent Term ends. [Term b.	5 18r
13 S	Palm Sunday. Oxford Easter	6 48s
14 M	Genl. Foch app. Generalissimo in Fr.,	5 13r
15 TU	Titanic disaster, 1912. [1918.	6 51s
16 W	Hilary Law Sittings end.	5 9r
17 TH	Lord Milner app. War Secy., 1918.	5 54s
18 F	Good Friday.	6 5r
19 S	Primrose Day. Beaconsfield d., 1881.	6 58s
20 S	Easter Day.	5 or
21 M	Easter Monday. Bank Holiday.	7 1s
22 TU	Cambridge Easter Term begins.	4 56r
23 W	St. George's. Br. Nav. attk. Zeebrugge,	7 4s
24 TH	(23) Oxford Easter Term begins [1918	4 52r
25 F	St. Mark's Day.	7 8s
26 S	(25) Princess Mary born, 1897.	4 48r
27 S	Low Sunday.	7 11s
28 M	(27) H.M.S. Russell sk. by mine, 1916.	4 44r
29 TU	Easter Law Sittings begin.	7 14s
30 W	Lord St. Aldwyn died, 1916.	4 40r
		7 18s



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OUR HEROIC NURSES



In a Field Hospital



Rendering First Aid



GREAT NAVAL RAID ON ZEEBRUGGE AND OSTEND.

OUR DEVOTED NURSES.

IN almost every department of war work women have taken their share, and have shown courage, keenness, and ability. Particularly in ambulance and hospital work have their services been invaluable. Whether it be in our many home hospitals, or in the base hospitals in France, or in the field hospitals behind the fighting lines, or in connection with the Red Cross ambulances, they have set an example of bravery which has aroused the admiration of the world. Our army nurses share to the full the dangers and hardships of our soldiers. The sinking of hospital ships is one which they most frequently encounter. At least nine hospital ships have been deliberately sunk by the Germans since the commencement of the war, in defiance of all the rules of civilised warfare, and involving the loss of hundreds of lives. A typical case is that of the *Llandovery Castle*, on June 27th, 1918, when, out of 258 persons on board—all non-combatants—only 24 were picked up. But atrocities such as these only steel our nerves to greater feats of endurance.

WAKEFUL NIGHTS.

THINK of the nerve-strain these wakeful nights impose upon you and your baby! A bad night always means a bad day to follow. Get over the trouble by giving the little one a simple dose of Woodward's Gripe Water (well known and highly recommended by doctors for nearly 70 years). It will charm away baby's restlessness.

NAVAL RAID ON OSTEND.

ONE night in May last year a British naval force set out with the object of tottling up the submarine bases of Ostend and Zeebrugge. As they approached the harbour of Zeebrugge a cloud of smoke was sent up, and under cover of this, a party was landed on the mole from the *Vindictive*, which was held in place by two tug-boats from the Mersey. A submarine charged the mole, and was then deserted and blown up, carrying much of the mole and many of the enemy aloft. Meanwhile two block ships were sunk in the fairway of the canal, effectually preventing the German submarines from putting out. The same operation was carried out at Ostend, and the two combined to cripple the enemy's efforts at submarine warfare.

A GOLDEN BOOK.

THE most valuable work in existence is said to be a copy of the Koran, now treasured in the Mo ammedan city of Isphan-Ruza, Persia. The covers, $9\frac{1}{2}$ in. by 4 in., are of solid gold, $\frac{3}{8}$ in. thick, with precious stones set in symbolic designs figure in the centre and at each of the corners. The book is written on parchment, and this part of the work alone is valued at £10,000.

TESTING A JAPANESE SWORD.

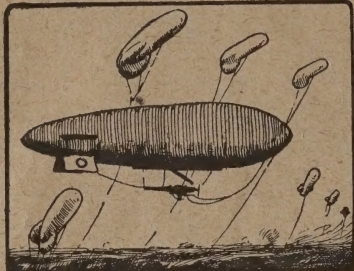
THE test of excellence applied to Japanese swords years ago was very rigid. It was to suspend the blade horizontally, edge upward, under a tree, and a good weapon was expected to cut in twain any leaf that fell upon it.

GARDENING MARCH

The main crops of asparagus, cabbages, carrots, parsnips, parsley, onions, kidney beans, etc., may be sown this month in open borders. Trees should be pruned and flowers protected. Sow turnips and savoys at the beginning and again at the end of the month. Sow hollyhock, honeysuckle, etc.

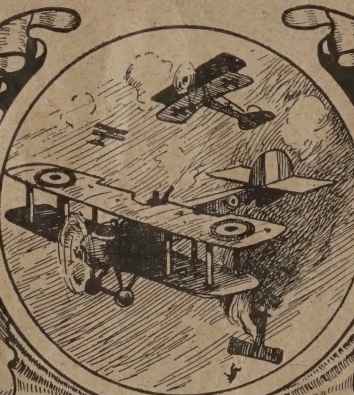
APRIL

Continue to sow asparagus, carrots and onions. Sow sea kale, beet and broccoli towards the end of the month. Stake up peas, plant potatoes, shoe and thin spinach, onions, turnips, etc. Sow main or successive crop of all kinds. Make up beds for cucumbers and vegetable marrows. Sow more peas.

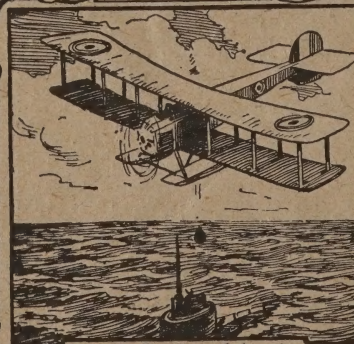


Airship & Observation Balloon

OUR DARING AIRMEN



Battle in Mid-air



Dropping Bombs on Submarine

MAY 1919

THE MOON'S CHANGES.

F. Quar., 6th, 11.34 a. L. Quar., 22nd, 10.4 a.
F. Moon, 15th, 1.1 m. N. Moon, 29th, 1.12 a.

			LON.
			Sun Rises & Sets
1	TH	May Day. SS. Philip and James.	h. m.
2	F	(1) Duke of Connaught born, 1850.	4 36r
3	S	Jamaica discovered, 1494.	7 21S
4	S	2nd Sunday after Easter.	4 32r
5	M	(4) David Livingstone died, 1873.	7 24S
6	TU	Accession of King George V., 1910.	4 29r
7	W	Lusitania torpedoed, 1915. [1871.	7 27S
8	TH	Alabama Treaty signed with U.S.A.,	4 25r
9	F	Half-Quarter Day.	7 30S
10	S	(9) Brit. Naval atk. on Ostend, 1918.	4 22r
11	S	3rd Sunday after Easter.	7 34S
12	M	Gen. Botha occupied Windhuk, 1915.	4 19r
13	TU	Hudson's Bay Co. founded, 1670.	7 37S
14	W	Henry Grattan died, 1820.	4 29r
15	TH	Whitsunday Term (Scotland).	7 40S
16	F	(15) Florence Nightingale born, 1820.	4 12r
17	S	Relief of Mafeking, 1900.	7 43S
18	S	4th Sunday after Easter.	4 9r
19	M	Ex-Tsar of Russia born, 1868.	7 46S
20	TU	(19) W. E. Gladstone died, 1898.	4 6r
21	W	Manchester Ship Canal opened, 1894.	7 49S
22	TH	Troop Train Disaster at Gretna, 1915.	4 4r
23	F	Italy declared war on Austria, 1915.	7 51S
24	S	Empire Day. Qn, Victoria b. 1819.	4 1r
25	S	Rogation Sunday.	7 54S
26	M	(25) Coalition Government fmd., 1915.	3 59r
27	TU	(26) Queen Mary born, 1867.	7 56S
28	W	Orange Free State annexed, 1900.	3 57r
29	TH	Ascension Day. Restoration Day.	7 59S
30	F	(26) Empress of Ireland disaster, 1914.	3 55r
31	S	Naval Battle off Jutland, 1916.	8 1S
			3 53r

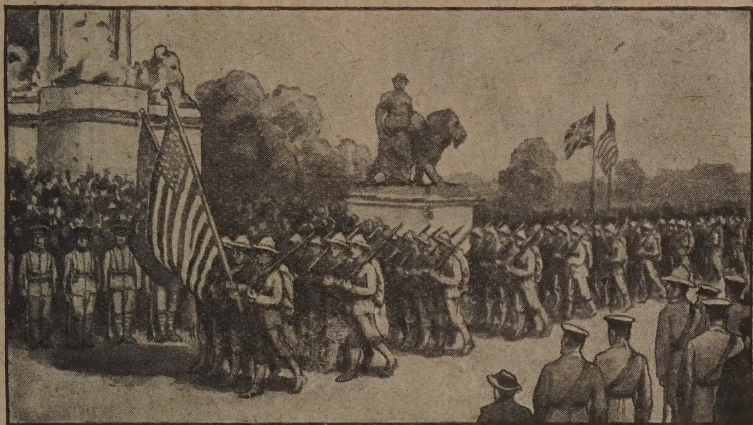
JUNE 1919

THE MOON'S CHANGES.

F. Quar., 5th, 0.22 a. L. Quar., 21st, 5.33 m.
F. Moon, 13th, 4.28 a. N. Moon, 27th, 8.53 a.

			LON.
			Sun Rises & Sets
1	S	Sunday after Ascension.	h. m.
2	M	Garibaldi died, 1882.	8 4S
3	TU	King George V. born, 1865.	8 51r
4	W	Cyprus ceded to Great Britain, 1878.	8 6S
5	TH	Lord Kitchener and staff drowned.	8 6S
6	F	Easter Law Sittings end. [1916.	8 8S
7	S	Messines Ridge captured, 1917.	8 48r
8	S	Whit Sunday.	8 10S
9	M	Whit Monday. Bank Holiday.	8 47r
10	TU	(9) Charles Dickens died, 1870.	8 11S
11	W	St. Barnabas Day.	8 45r
12	TH	(13) Mid-day Air-raid on London, 1917.	8 13S
13	F	King Constantine abdicated, 1917.	8 40r
14	S	Freshwater Coarse Fishing ends.	8 14S
15	S	Trinity Sunday.	8 45r
16	M	Gt. Austrian offensive began, 1918.	8 16S
17	TU	Trinity Law Sittings begin.	8 45r
18	W	Battle of Waterloo, 1815.	8 17S
19	TH	Corpus Christi.	8 44r
20	F	(19) F.-M. Sir Douglas Haig b., 1861.	8 17S
21	S	De Wet found guilty of treason, 1915.	8 44r
22	S	1st Sunday after Trinity.	8 18S
23	M	(22) Summer commences.	8 45r
24	TU	St. John Baptist. Midsummer Day.	8 18S
25	W	(24) Camb. Easter Term ends.	8 45r
26	TH	First U.S.A. Contingent land in	8 19S
27	F	Ld. Laurence d., 1879. [France, 1917.	8 46r
28	S	Assn. of Austrian Crown Prince, 1914.	8 19S
29	S	2nd Sunday after Trinity.	8 47r
30	M	(29) Sir R. Casement sentd. to d., 1916.	8 18S
			3 48r

It is better to be happy than wise.



AMERICAN SOLDIERS MARCHING THROUGH LONDON.

THE WAR IN THE AIR.

THE great world-war differs from all previous wars in that it is being fought not only on land and sea, but in the air and underneath the ocean. In the air we soon gained the mastery, although our enemies had a long start.

German Zeppelins are already out of date, and our foes have been concentrating on the production of giant Gothas. One of these machines, brought down by the French on the Western front, had a wing-span of 135 feet, four motors of 250 h.-p. each, guns capable of firing upwards, downwards, or at any angle, and carried a crew of nine.

We have little to fear from these plants, as we possess machines which are larger, more efficient, and in every way better. Moreover, we do not pin our faith to big machines entirely, believing that, under ordinary circumstances, small biplanes with 80 h.-p. engines are much to be preferred to larger and less manageable aeroplanes.

The heroic deeds of our airmen form one of the brightest pages in the history of the War.

IF BABY COULD TALK.

THEN—he would tell you that all the gentle pattings of your hands, all the lullabies you croon when you are yourself "dead tired," are just an unnecessary driftn upon your strength. A small dose of Woodward's Grip Water, recommended by doctors for nearly seventy years, will instantly soothe the little one.

AMERICAN TROOPS IN LONDON.

SOME thousands of American troops marched through London in May last on their way to the Front, and were welcomed and reviewed by the King. Each man on landing had received a letter from his Majesty, bidding him God-speed.

An American band led the procession, which passed from Wellington Barracks to Buckingham Palace. In the front of the Palace the King took up his position, and took the salute as the men of the Stars and Stripes swept by, as shown in our illustration. The American officers were the product of the previous summer training camps, and the men those who had come under arms under the selective service law. London has rarely seen a finer body.

WORK IS NECESSARY.

WORK is as necessary for peace of mind as for health of body. A day of worry is more exhausting than a week of work. Worry upsets our whole system; work keeps it in health and order. Exercise of the muscles keeps the body exercise of the brain brings

in health, and peace of mind.

DOGS WHICH NEVER BARK.

PEOPLE whose peaceful slumbers are disturbed by the noisiness of a neighbour's dog will find it consoling to learn that there are at least three varieties of the canine tribe which never bark. But, alas! these dogs are rarely seen in the British Isles. They are the Egyptian sheep-dog, the Australian dog, and the "lion-headed" dog of Tibet.

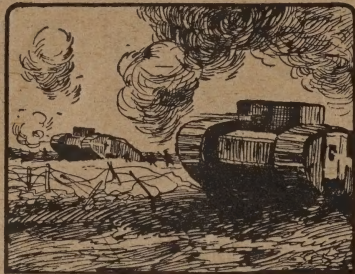
GARDENING

MAY

Prune fruit trees, and remove all superfluous shoots and blossoms. Prune and water strawberries while in flower. Sow small salad herbs weekly; radishes, lettuces, and spinach once a fortnight. Sow peas and beans for late crops. Propagate by cuttings, dahlias, pansies, double wall-flowers.

JUNE

Sow principal crop of turnips. Plant out brussels sprouts and savoy. Dry and lay up bulbs. Propagate wall-flowers, sweet williams, etc. Pull and store winter onions if ripe. Train and prune all kinds of wall and trellis trees, and put netting over cherry trees.



Tanks preceding an Attack

OUR BRAVE INFANTRY



Over the Top



Capturing a Trench

JULY 1919

THE MOON'S CHANGES.

F. Quar., 5th, 3.17 m. L. Quar., 20th, 11.3 m.
F. Moon, 13th, 6.2 m. N. Moon, 27th, 5.21 m.

			LON.
		Sun	Rises
		h. m.	
1	TU	<i>Dominion Day in Canada.</i> [1916.	4 48r
2	W	France-British advance on Somme.	8 3 52r
3	TH	Viscount Rhonda died, 1912.	8 3 50r
4	F	(3) Sultan of Turkey died, 1912.	8 3 18s
5	S	<i>Oxford Easter Term ends.</i>	3 51r
6	S	3rd Sunday after Trinity.	8 17s
7	M	(6) K. George & Qn. Mary mar., 1893.	8 3 52r
8	TU	Declaration of London rescind., 1916.	8 3 16s
9	W	H. M. S. <i>Vanguard</i> blown up, 1917.	8 3 54r
10	TH	(9) Conquest of Ger. S. W. Africa, 1915.	8 3 15s
11	F	(12) Jap. warship, <i>Kawachi</i> , blown up.	3 56r
12	S	Prince of Wales invested, 1917. [1912.	8 3 13s
13	S	4th Sunday after Trinity.	3 58r
14	M	Bastille stormed, 1789.	8 11s
15	TU	<i>St. Swithin's Day.</i> [1913.	4 1r
16	W	Dr. Bridges appd. Poet Laureate.	8 9s
17	TH	Sir Eric Geddes appd. First Lord of	4 4r
18	F	Jane Austen d., 1817. [Admiralty, 1917.	8 7r
19	S	(18) Dean Stanley died, 1881.	4 6s
20	S	5th Sunday after Trinity.	8 5s
21	M	(20) White Star liner, <i>Justicia</i> torpd.,	4 8r
22	TU	<i>St. Mary Magdalene's Day.</i> [1912.	8 2s
23	W	(22) Battle of Salamanca, 1812.	4 11r
24	TH	Gibraltar taken, 1704.	8 0s
25	F	<i>St. James's Day.</i>	4 14r
26	S	(27) Mur. of Capt. Fryatt by Ger. 1916.	7 57s
27	S	6th Sunday after Trinity.	4 17r
28	M	(27) Austria decid. war on Serbia.	7 54s
29	TU	(30) Lord Haldane b., 1856. [1914.	4 19r
30	W	H. M. S. <i>Ariadne</i> torpedoed, 1917.	7 51s
31	TH	<i>Trinity Law Sittings end.</i>	4 22r

AUGUST 1919

THE MOON'S CHANGES.

F. Quar., 3rd, 2.12 a. L. Quar., 18th, 3.55 a.
F. Moon, 11th, 5.40 a. N. Moon, 25th, 5.37 a.

			LON.
		Sun	Rises
		h. m.	
1	F	<i>Lammas Day. Scottish Term.</i>	4 23r
2	S	(1) Pope's Peace Note, 1917.	7 47s
3	M	7th Sunday after Trinity.	4 26r
4	TU	<i>Bank Holiday.</i> [1914.	7 44s
5	W	(4) War decid. by Britain on Germany.	4 30r
6	TH	Adl. Sir R. Wemyss ap. and Sea Lord.	7 40s
7	F	H. M. S. <i>Amphion</i> mined, 1914. [1917.	4 37s
8	S	George Canning died, 1827.	4 36r
9	S	Coronation of Edward VII., 1902.	4 36r
10	S	8th Sunday after Trinity.	7 33s
11	M	<i>Half-Quarter Day.</i>	4 38r
12	TU	<i>Grouse Shooting begins.</i>	7 30s
13	W	(14) Relief of Peking, 1900.	4 42r
14	TH	China declares war on Germany, 1917.	7 26s
15	F	National Register taken, 1915. [1914.	4 46r
16	S	Brit. Expy. Force landed in France.	7 21s
17	S	9th Sunday after Trinity.	4 49s
18	M	(17) Frederick the Great died, 1786.	7 17s
19	TU	(20) General Booth died, 1912.	4 52r
20	W	<i>Black Game Shooting begins.</i>	7 13s
21	TH	(20) Gt. French suc. at Verdun, 1917.	4 55r
22	F	Lord Salisbury died, 1903.	7 10s
23	S	Japan decid. war on Germany, 1914.	4 58r
24	S	10th Sunday after Trinity.	7 6s
25	M	"All Russian" Conf. at Moscow, 1917.	5 12s
26	TU	(25) Louvain destroyed by Gers., 1914.	7 12s
27	W	<i>Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse</i> sk., 1914.	5 5s
28	TH	Brit. Naval victory, Heligoland, 1914.	6 56s
29	F	Ger. Samoa occupied by British, 1914.	5 5s
30	S	Battle of Plevna, 1877.	6 53s
31	S	11th Sunday after Trinity.	5 11s

TO OUR READERS.

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OWING to the influenza we regret the Almanack cannot appear in its usual form this year. Local advertisements and other features have had to be suspended for this time. The scarcity and expensiveness of paper is also another factor that militates against us.

It is matter for thankfulness that the great struggle which for over four years has been waged on the Continent is practically at an end, and November 11th, 1918, will be an unforgettable day. Even so we cannot forget that many gallant lads who went out from us in the full vigour of youth and early manhood will fail to return when the boys come home.

If the month of November is memorable for the cessation of hostilities, it will also live in memory because of the unprecedented visitation of the influenza scourge. We seemed to emerge from the cloud of war only to enter a dark cloud of sickness. As illustrating the heavy mortality incurred by this visitation we have thought fit to record a list of those who passed away at Winterton from Nov. 11th to Dec. 1st. Nov. 11, Edward Chapman 89, Elizabeth Young 75; Nov. 14, Edna Vera Sharp 5; Nov. 15, Charles Sharp 41; Nov. 15, Emily Wells 30; Nov. 19, Charles Parker 30; Sarah Jane Robinson 75; Nov. 21, Ernest Kitchen 17 mths., Amelia Green 34, Marion Robinson 24; Nov. 22, Harry Fell 27; Nov. 23, John Simon 14 mths., Edna Vera Richardson 3; Nov. 24, William Robinson 80; Nov. 25, Ethel Waddingham 5, Rebecca Fowler 14; Nov. 28, Frederick Dent 5 mths., Annie Parker 68; Nov. 30, Phyllis Irene Mumby 17 mths.; Dec. 1, Joseph Jarvell 32, Etty Kirkby 18. This works out a mortality rate of something like 200 per 1000 per annum.

Mention must be made of the passing of Mr. Edward Chapman. The Almanack with its record of local events appealed to him, and he was a frequent contributor to its pages. He had promised an article on the war when peace should be concluded, and singularly enough he passed away on the very day the armistice was signed, though not until he was informed that hostilities had ceased. He passed to his reward at the ripe age of 89 years.

We sincerely hope and pray that with the advent of the new year there may be ushered in a new era of peace on earth and good will among men.

Caught in the act.

You would never have taken him to be a poacher, he looks so guileless and innocent like. But as they say looks are often deceptive, and Mac. was seen by a well known resident in King Street stealing off home with a rabbit in his mouth. We are afraid, however, Mr. Glasier would have little pleasure in digesting the rabbit his dog had caught. It was a child's woolly one.

He was to be pitied.

He was very deaf, but did not use an ear trumpet, because he did not like people to know he was afflicted in that way, so he took it for granted that the first greeting he would get from anyone he met would be about the weather. His friends knew his weakness, and one day a wag met him in the street and greeted him with :

"Good morning, Mr. Smith, how's your wife this morning?"

Mr. Smith, having the weather answer in his head, immediately replied :

"Damp, dirty and disagreeable, and no sign of a change."

Salubrious Winteringham.

"Are you a native of this parish?" asked the magistrate of the witness.

"Well, yes, your worship, mostly."

"I mean, were you born at Winteringham?"

"Well, no, not exactly, but I'm mostly a native for all that."

"I suppose you mean you went there as a child."

"No, sir, I've only been six years there. When I went I weighed eight stone, and now I weigh seventeen, so I reckon I mostly belong Winteringham."

A Musioal Service.

A local preacher residing not far from Winterton was planned at a village chapel. There was no organist present. Not being a Santley or Sullivan himself, he asked if there was anyone present who could play. Eventually a young lady present said she could play one tune "Lead kindly light."

"We'll have it," said the preacher, and the service commenced.

After prayer, the preacher turned to the organist with the enquiry "What else do you know?"

"Only 'Lead kindly light,' was the response. So they sung it once more.

When the lesson had been read, the preacher asked what the next hymn should be.

"Lead kindly light," said the fair organist.

Having proceeded thus far, it was only natural the service should be wound up by the singing of the same hymn.

Not to be had.

One day Harry's mother wanted to give him a powder concealed in a teaspoonful of raspberry jam, but he refused it.

"Why, Harry, I thought you were so fond of jam," said his sister Alice. "How is it you've taken such a sudden dislike to it?"

"Because it's mined!" replied Harry.

Coming events cast their shadows before.

"And when does the wedding take place, Susie?" asked the proprietor of the Stationery shop (no, not at Winterton).

"The wedding!" exclaimed the young woman, blushing. "Why you don't think——"

"Ah, Susie," rejoined the bookseller. "When a young lady buys a hundred sheets of paper and only twenty-five envelopes I know there's something in the wind."

The real Reason.

Rev. R. W. Keightley tells of a congregation in a Trent side village chapel awaiting the arrival of the preacher. Some time after the appointed hour of service he turned up. After profusely apologizing for his unpunctuality, the blame for which he cast upon the ferryman, who, he declared was at the wrong side of the ferry when he wanted to cross, he was interrupted by a veteran in the congregation, who exclaimed:

"Let's hev no more o' thi excuses, lad. Say tha didn't start soon enough."

Accidents will happen.

Tom had been invited to a party at one of the mansions on Earlsgate (Winterton's West end), and his mother was anxious for his good behaviour at the table.

"Well, Tom, how did you get on?" she asked on his return.

"Oh, all right ma!"

"You are quite sure you didn't do anything impolite?"

"Well, no, ma. Only——. You see, I was trying to cut my meat, when it slipped off my plate on to the floor."

"Oh, my dear boy, what did you do?"

"I jist said sort of carelessly, 'That's always the way with tough meat,' and went on with my dinner."

An internal struggle.

Eddie had been to his aunt's to tea, and at bedtime as he was out of sorts his mother wanted to know what was the matter with him.

"I—I feel awful inside?" groaned Eddie.

"What do you think it is?" asked mother.

"Oh!" wailed Eddie, "I had some French beans and German sausage at auntie's, and now they seem to be fighting along my whole front."

Strength and Beauty.

With wondrous care and skill the sculptor wrought,
Seeking to show in stone his noble thought;
His aim was high, none greater could he find
Than to portray the Saviour of mankind.

Long did he toil with unabated zest,
Grudging no pains that might bring forth his best;
Each line was carved with utmost skill and care,
Until completed stood the figure fair.

With kingly dignity the form looked down
So still, so calm it seemed to frown.
Nobility and strength were in the face,
But not a hint of tenderness and grace.

Wishful to know if in his work, the wise
Could his ideal, the Christ-man recognise,
He sought for one with mind pure, undefiled,
And to the studio brought a little child.

Just for an instant, mute, amazed, stood she;
No sign of recognition could he see;
Then, turning swift, in sudden fear away,
No longer could she be induced to stay.

The sculptor sad, knew without further sign
How he had failed to shape that Form Divine;
But forthwith took his tools with eager hand,
And tried once more to make what he had planned.

Then once again the little one drew near,
This time with eager step without a fear,
Then stretched her hand, exclaiming, "Oh, 'tis He,
Who said, ' Let little children come to Me.'"

RIDDLES.

What is that the polite children of Barrow often return but never borrow? Thanks.

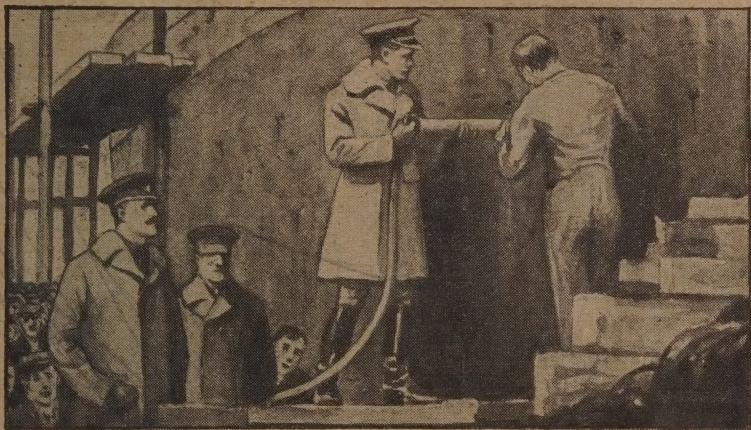
Where can toffee always be found? (That's what we all want to know, isn't it, children? But I'm afraid the answer won't be very comforting). It's to be found in the dictionary.

When is a sheep sent to Scunthorpe Market like ink? When it is in a pen.

Why do the tiny swallows in their nests agree? Because it would be dangerous for them to fall out.

What is the difference between a fisherman and the biggest dunce in West Halton School? One baits his hook and the other hates his book.

Why is a horse cleverer than a fox? Because a horse can run when he's in a trap but a fox cannot.



THE PRINCE OF WALES RIVETTING STEEL PLATES ON THE CLYDE.

OVER THE TOP.

BRAVE deeds have been done by every section of our Army, but everyone agrees that the honours of the war belong to the man in the trenches. The ordinary "Tommy" from workshop, farm, shop, and desk, has displayed all the fighting qualities of the British race, and has proved more than a match for the well-drilled soldiers of Germany. The supreme moment in a young soldier's life is when the time comes to leap out of his trench and attack the Germans in the trenches facing him. The way being well prepared by artillery fire and the wire entanglements mown down by "tanks," the long-looked-for signal is given and the men spring over the top, rush across "no man's land," and give the foe a taste of British steel. Countless deeds of daring and heroism are performed in this way almost every day, and it would be impossible to give a decoration in every case. Only the most signal instances of daring can be selected for award.

A COSTLY BIBLE.

THE most costly book in the Royal Library at Stockholm is a Bible, and there is not another just like it in the world. In weight and size alone it is unique. It is said that 160 asses' skins were used for its parchment leaves. Each page falls but an inch short of a yard in length. The width of the leaves is 20 inches. The covers are solid planks 4 inches thick.

A PRINCELY RIVETTER.

THE Prince of Wales, taking advantage of one of his rare leaves from the Front, spent a few days among the shipbuilders of the Clyde, and watched thousands of operatives hurrying out the vessels which have helped to defeat the submarine menace. The Prince was not an onlooker only. At one point of the tour he took his place by the hull of a huge ship, and personally manipulated the pneumatic rivetter, in what was said to be a very workmanlike fashion. He drove many bolts through the steel plates before he had finished.

A QUEEN'S CATS.

QUEEN ELIZABETH of Roumania, "Carmen Sylva," once gave an interesting account of her pet cats. Her first cat selected her, not she the cat. It was no stray, but a house cat; but it was not until an accidental visit to the queen's chamber, where their acquaintance ripened satisfactorily to both during the progress of the royal lady's

toilet, that Misikatz, daily repeating the visit, and finally declining to return to her own quarters at all, constituted herself the queen's pet. "My cats," said "Carmen Sylva" proudly, "are extraordinarily cultivated and have very fine manners." One particularly pretty and well-mannered cat, named Diddelchen, brought a new game to court. She would climb up the casing of a door, lie along the top, and catch and toss back pellets of paper thrown to her.

GARDENING JULY

Attend to insects and useless growths this month. Stake peas and scarlet runners. Thin gooseberry and raspberry bushes, plums, and stone fruit generally. Make new plantations of strawberries. In the last week sow yellow turnips for a full winter crop, and spinach for an early winter supply. Gather and dry all kinds of herbs for seasoning, etc.

AUGUST

Gather and store ripe fruit. Clear away decayed annuals, and sow some of the hardy kinds. Biennials that are large enough should be planted. Sow winter and spring spinach. Sow parsley, winter onions, cabbages and greens.



Loading

OUR BIG GUNS



Firing big Howitzer



Moving up to the Front.

SEPTEMBER 1919

THE MOON'S CHANGES.

F. Quar., 2nd, 2.22 a. L. Quar., 16th, 9.32 a.
F. Moon, 10th, 3.54 m. N. Moon, 24th, 4.34 m.

		LON.	
		Sun	Rises & Sets
		h.	m.
1	M	Partridge Shooting begins.	5 12r
2	TU	Battle of Omdurman, 1898.	5 46s
3	W	Battle of Somme began, 1915.	5 16r
4	TH	France proclaimed a Republic, 1870.	5 41s
5	F	Retreat from Mons ended, 1914.	5 19r
6	S	President McKinley assd., 1901.	5 37s
7	M	12th Sunday after Trinity.	5 22r
8	M	<i>Nativity of B.V.M.</i>	5 30s
9	TU	(8) Fall of Sebastopol, 1855.	5 26r
10	W	Empress of Austria assd., 1898.	5 27s
11	TH	Battle of the Marne, 1914.	5 29r
12	F	Rt. Hon. H. H. Asquith born, 1852.	5 23s
13	S	Battle of Tel-el-Kebir, 1882.	5 31r
14	M	13th Sunday after Trinity.	5 19s
15	M	Brit. Troops occupied Cairo, 1882.	5 35r
16	TU	P.O. Savings Bank opened, 1861.	5 12s
17	W	Mont Cenis Tunnel opened, 1871.	5 38r
18	TH	Commonw. of Australia proc., 1900.	5 9s
19	F	Genl. Kitchener at Fashoda, 1898.	5 41r
20	S	Battle of Alma, 1854.	5 5s
21	M	14th Sunday after Trinity.	5 44r
22	M	Sir W. Scott died, 1832.	5 0s
23	TU	Battle of Assaye, 1803.	5 47r
24	W	<i>Autumn commences.</i>	5 55s
25	TH	Relief of Lucknow, 1857.	5 51r
26	F	British occupy Ger. N. Guinea, 1914.	5 51s
27	S	(28) F.-M. Lord French b. 1852.	5 54r
28	M	15th Sunday after Trinity.	5 47s
29	M	<i>S.S. Michael & All Angels. Quarter</i>	5 57r
30	TU	Lord Roberts born, 1832. <i>Day.</i>	5 42s

OCTOBER 1919

THE MOON'S CHANGES.

F. Quar., 2nd, 8.37 m. L. Quar., 16th, 5.5 m.
F. Moon, 9th, 1.39 a. N. Moon, 23rd, 8.40 a.

		LON.	
		Sun	Rises & Sets
		h.	m.
1	W	Pheasant Shooting commences.	6 0r
2	TH	(1) <i>Camb. Michaelmas Term begins.</i>	5 38s
3	F	Revolution in Portugal, 1910. [1915]	5 37r
4	S	(5) Allied Forces land at Salonica.	5 33s
5	M	16th Sunday after Trinity.	6 7r
6	M	<i>Dividends on Consols, etc., due.</i>	5 28s
7	TU	Edgar Allan Poe died, 1849.	6 11r
8	W	Chicago destroyed by fire, 1871.	5 24s
9	TH	Germans occupied Antwerp, 1914.	6 14r
10	F	<i>Oxford Michaelmas Term begins.</i>	5 19s
11	S	(12) Nurse Cavell shot by Ger., 1915.	6 18r
12	M	17th Sunday after Trinity.	5 14s
13	M	<i>Michaelmas Law Sittings end.</i>	6 21r
14	TU	Sir Henry Irving died, 1905.	5 10s
15	W	Marie Antoinette beheaded, 1793.	6 24r
16	TH	Rt. Hon. A. Chamberlain born, 1863.	5 6s
17	F	Atlantic Wireless Telegraphy, 1907.	6 27r
18	S	<i>St. Luke's Day.</i>	5 15s
19	M	18th Sunday after Trinity.	6 30r
20	M	Dargai Heights captured, 1897.	4 58s
21	TU	<i>Traveller's Day.</i> Nelson died, 1805.	6 34r
22	W	Sarah Bernhardt born, 1845.	4 54s
23	TH	W. G. Grace died, 1915.	4 38r
24	F	Qn. Victoria of Spain born, 1887.	4 49s
25	S	Agincourt, 1415. Balacava, 1854.	6 41r
26	M	19th Sunday after Trinity.	4 45s
27	M	Capitulation of Metz, 1870.	6 45r
28	TU	<i>S.S. Simon and Jude.</i>	4 42s
29	W	Turkey joins Germany in War, 1914.	6 48r
30	TH	Capture of Beersheba by British, 1917.	4 38s
31	F	<i>All Hallow's Eve.</i>	6 52r



WOMEN WORKERS CELEBRATE THEIR MAJESTIES' SILVER WEDDING.

OUR BIG GUNS.

To a large extent this is a war of heavy artillery. The big guns do the work of sweeping the ground and rendering the advance of the main body of the army possible. The advantage of a great gun is, of course, the immense range of its fire; its disadvantages are its immobility, and the comparatively few shells that can be fired from it. In reading descriptions of big guns it should be borne in mind that "calibre" simply means disaster. Thus, if we have a 15-inch gun of 50 calibres, it simply means that the gun at its muzzle is 15 inches in diameter, and its length is 50 calibres or diameters. To obtain its length multiply the diameter, so that a 15-inch gun of 50 calibres is 50 times as long as the muzzle is wide. The long-distance gun with which the Germans bombarded Paris threw its shells over 70 miles. The weight of the German shell was 350 pounds. The range was secured by an explosion producing a pressure of 28 tons per square inch and a velocity at the muzzle of 4,600 feet per second. But there is nothing unknown to gunnery experts in this, and we are now building guns which will fire shells over 80 miles.

PULLING UP AN EXPRESS.

It takes a powerful locomotive drawing a train of ten passenger-cars a distance of about five miles to reach a speed of sixty miles per hour on a straight and level track. But the air-brake will stop the same train from a speed of sixty miles per hour in seven hundred feet.

WOMEN'S ARMY GREETS THE KING.

ONE of the most striking incidents in London last year was the women workers' pageant of homage, in celebration of the Silver Wedding of the King and Queen. The women marched thousands strong from Hyde Park to Buckingham Palace, girls in breeches and smocks, nurses in uniform, postwomen with their letter-bags, police-women, mail drivers, bus and tram conductors—all making a decorative pageant most pleasing to the eye. They presented an address to their Majesties, and the King, in reply, paid a tribute to the courage, devotion, and cheerfulness of the women, in the face of great risks at home and overseas, in carrying on their work.

THE ORDER OF THE SALUTE.

BOATS of warships salute one another according to the rank of those in them. They either cease pulling and lie on their oars, or toss them; or if under sail, they let fly their sheets and gather them in again. At the same time, the midshipman or coxswain of the junior boat rises and touches his cap, as do all the officers in each boat.

YOUNG SPRINTERS.

THE old women of Cleveland (Ohio) once organised a sporting event. Eleven, all of them over seventy-five years of age, walked four and a quarter miles in an hour and three-quarters. The winner was aged seventy-eight, and the second and third eighty and seventy-five respectively.

GARDENING SEPTEMBER

Take up carrots that are to be stored, ripe potatoes, and beet-roots. Sow winter spinach. Make new rhubarb beds. Prune fruit trees that have done bearing. Sow salads for late crops. Gather and store carefully the autumnal sorts of apples and pears. Propagate herbaceous plants.

OCTOBER

Earth up savoys and cabbages as high as the leaves. Crop the tops of parsley to make fresh leaves for winter. Prune honeysuckle, roses, and other flowering shrubs. Protect dahlias and young carnations from frost, and towards the close of the month begin planting tulips, ranunculuses, and anemones.



Filling the Bands

OUR MACHINE GUNS



In Action



Lewis-Guns in a Trench

NOVEMBER 1919

THE MOON'S CHANGES.

F. Quar., 1st, 1.43 m. L. Quar., 14th, 3.41 a.
F. Moon, 7th, 11.35 a. N. Moon, 22nd, 3.20 a.
F. Quar., 30th, 4.47 a.

LON.

		Sum. Rises & sets
1	S All Saints' Day.	6 54r
2	S 20th Sunday aft. Trinity.	4 32s
3	M (2) Melto. Prior died, 1910.	6 58r
4	TU (5) Inkerman, 1854.	4 28s
5	W Gunpowder Plot, 1605. [1917.	7 11r
6	TH Passchendaele taken by Can. Troops,	4 25s
7	F Capture of Gaza by British, 1917.	7 41r
8	S (9) Edward VII. born, 1841.	4 22s
9	S 21st Sunday after Trinity.	7 8r
10	M German Cruiser Emden dest., 1914.	4 19s
11	TU Armistice signed by Germany.	7 11r
12	W Hostilities ceased 11 a.m., 1918.	4 15s
13	TH Attempted Assn. 1 old mine, 1909.	7 14r
14	F F.-M. Earl Roberts died, 1914.	4 12s
15	S (16) John Bright born, 1811.	7 18r
16	S 22nd Sunday aft. Trinity.	4 10s
17	M Suez Canal opened, 1869.	7 22r
18	TU Gen. Sir Stanley Maude d., 1917.	4 7s
19	W (20) Sir Wilfrid Laurier, b., 1841.	7 25r
20	TH Battle of Cambrai, 1917.	4 5s
21	F Emp. Francis Joseph of Austr. d. 1916.	7 28r
22	S Sir Arthur Sullivan died, 1900.	4 2s
23	S 23rd Sunday aft. Trinity.	7 31r
24	M (23) Kumasi Expedition, 1895.	4 0s
25	TU Andrew Carnegie born, 1835.	7 35r
26	W H.M.S. Bulwark blown up, 1914.	3 58s
27	TH Gt. Surrender of Gers. in E. Africa,	7 38r
28	F Mandalay occupied, 1885. [1917.	3 56s
29	S Allied Conference in Paris opd., 1917.	7 41r
30	S Advent Sun. St. Andrew.	3 54s

DECEMBER 1919

THE MOON'S CHANGES.

F. Moon, 7th, 10.4 m. N. Moon, 22nd, 10.55 m.
L. Quar., 14th, 6.2 m. F. Quar., 30th, 5.25 m.

LON.

		Sum. Rises & sets
1	M Queen Alexandra born, 1844. [1917.	h. in.
2	TU (1) German East Africa conquered,	7 44r
3	W R. L. Stevenson died, 1894.	3 53s
4	TH Thomas Carlyle born, 1795.	7 47r
5	F Russo-Ger. Armistice arranged, 1917.	3 52s
6	S Roumania agrees to Armistice, 1917.	7 49r
7	S 2nd Sunday in Advent.	3 51s
8	M (7) Gen. Allenby occup. Hebron, 1917.	7 51r
9	TU Fall of Jerusalem to British, 1917.	3 51s
10	W Battle of Stormberg, 1899.	7 53r
11	TH Battle of Magersfontein, 1899.	3 50s
12	F Coronation Durbar at Delhi, 1911.	7 56r
13	S (12) Robert Browning died, 1889.	3 50s
14	S 3rd Sunday in Advent.	7 58r
15	M Prince Consort died, 1861.	3 49s
16	TU Colenso, 1899.	6 0r
17	W Oxford Michaelmas Term ends.	3 49s
18	TH Egypt made Brit. Protectorate, 1914.	6 2r
19	F Camb. Michaelmas Term ends.	3 49s
20	S Michaelmas Law Sittings end.	6 4r
21	S 4th Sunday in Advent.	3 50s
22	M Winter commences.	8 5r
23	TU (22) George Eliot died, 1880.	3 51s
24	W Christmas Eve.	8 6r
25	TH Christmas Day.	3 52s
26	F Boxing Day. Bank Holiday.	8 6r
27	S St. John, Evangelist.	3 53s
28	S 1st Sun. after Christmas.	7 1r
29	M (28) Tay Bridge disaster, 1879.	8 55s
30	TU Rudyard Kipling born, 1865.	8 8r
31	W New Year's Eve.	3 57s



THE KING AND QUEEN LEAVING ST. PAUL'S AFTER THANKSGIVING SERVICE.

THE MACHINE GUN IN ACTION

THE war has brought the light-weight machine gun into special prominence, and its death-dealing properties are certainly greater than those of any other weapon. There are various types of machine guns, each with its own supporters. There are the Maxim, the Hotchkiss, the Lewis, the Madsen, and others. Of each it may be said that one machine gun is worth 600 rifles, or half a battalion of infantry. It sweeps a line of men from end to end like a scythe, dealing death and destruction over a wide area. One great advantage of the machine gun is its lightness and mobility. It takes only a very few men to pick up this gun and take it with them to wherever they would go. The Lewis gun, which is at present the most popular in the British Army, weighs only about 28 lb. It is fired by one man from a stand or parapet, and has a range of 1,200 yards. It discharges 47 successive rounds. It is claimed for the Madsen gun that it is lighter than the others, weighing only a little over 14 lb. It is said to be capable of firing 400 rounds a minute.

SAFE FOR BABY.

HOW often one sees a young mother, with her crying babe, distracted beyond measure, simply because she is at a loss to know how to appease the little mite. Nine times out of ten the child is suffering from wind, which can easily be relieved by the perfectly simple and absolutely safe remedy, Woodward's Gripe Water.

A ROYAL SILVER WEDDING.

THE King and Queen visited the City on July 6th to take part in a thanksgiving service at St. Paul's Cathedral, in celebration of their Silver Wedding, and to receive a presentation from the City Corporation at the Guildhall.

The service at St. Paul's was at 11.15, the same hour at which the wedding was celebrated at St. James's Palace, twenty-five years previously. At the Guildhall a presentation was made of a cheque for £53,000 for distribution among charities, and a silver tankard made in London in 1677 and given by Charles II. in 1678 to a distinguished citizen for "faithful service rendered."

A REMARKABLE PROPHECY.

QUITE the most interesting of the seven portraits of "Buckinghamshire Prime Ministers" which Lord Lincolnshire presented to the county is that of Disraeli. On the back of it is written, "This print of the Earl of Beaconsfield was given by

Mrs. Disraeli to Lord Carrington at Hughenden in 1849 when he was a boy, with the following remark: 'Look at this print, my dear boy, when you are discouraged, and you will see a man who, despite of all troubles, will, if he lives, be Prime Minister.' A remarkable prophecy—Carrington."

It was very remarkable in view of the fact that Disraeli did not actually become Prime Minister till nearly twenty years after this date.

GARDENING NOVEMBER

Sow early peas and beans in a warm border. Force sea-kale, asparagus and rhubarb. Prune and plant bushes and fruit trees. Shelter choice flowers. Protect endive, celery, artichokes, etc., with stable litter or ferns. Mulch asparagus with hot-bed manure. Plant dried tubers of border flowers.

DECEMBER

Dig, manure and trench vacant ground. Protect any plants that are likely to be injured by frost, either in frames or in the open ground. Sow a few beans and peas as in November. Very few operations can be carried on this month with the exception of digging and trenching.

Postal Regulations, Savings Banks, Festivals, Eclipses, &c.

Principal Articles of the Calendar for 1919.

Golden Number, 1; Epact, 29; Solar Cycle, 24; Dominical Letter, E; Roman Indiction, 2; Year of Julian Period, 6632.

Fixed and Movable Festivals, Anniversaries, &c.

Epiphany	Jan. 6
Septuagesima	Feb. 16
St. David	Mar. 1
Quinquagesima—Shrove Sunday	" 2
Ash Wednesday	" 5
1st Sunday in Lent	" 9
St. Patrick	" 17
Annunciation—Lady Day	" 25
Palm Sunday	April 13
Good Friday	" 18
Easter Day	" 20
St. George	" 23
Low Sunday	" 27
Accession of King George V. May 6 Proclamation	" 9
Restoration Sunday	" 25
Birth of Queen Mary	" 26
Ascension Day	" 29
Birth of King George V.	June 3
Whit Sunday	" 8
Trinity Sunday	" 15
Corpus Christi	" 19
Birth of Prince of Wales	" 23
St. John Baptist—Midsummer Day	" 24
Michaelmas Day	Sept. 29
1st Sunday in Advent	Nov. 30
St. Andrew	" 30
St. Thomas	Dec. 21
Christmas Day	" 25

Foreign Epochs.

The year 5880 of the Jewish Era begins on September 25, 1919.
The year 1336 of the Mohammedan Era begins on September 26, 1919.
Ramadán (Month of Abstinence observed by the Turks) commences on May 31, 1919.

Eclipses in 1919.

In the year 1919 there will be three Eclipses, two of the Sun and one of the Moon.
Total Eclipse of the Sun, May 29, invisible at Greenwich.
Partial Eclipse of the Moon, November 7-8, visible at Greenwich.
Annular Eclipse of the Sun, November 22, visible as a partial eclipse at Greenwich.

Post Office Telegrams.

The charge for telegrams throughout the United Kingdom is 9d. for the first twelve words, and 4d. for every additional word. Addresses are charged for. Figures are counted at the rate of five figures to a word.

Letter Post.

To and from all parts of the United Kingdom, the prepaid rates are:—
Not exceeding 4 oz. in weight, 1½d.
For every additional 2 oz., 1d.
A letter posted unpaid is chargeable on delivery with double postage, and a letter posted insufficiently paid is chargeable with double the deficiency.
Foreign Postage Rate is 2½d. for the first oz. and 1½d. for each additional oz., except to Tibet, Egypt, the U.S.A., and British post offices in Morocco, where the postage is 1½d. for the first oz., and 1d. for each succeeding oz.

Imperial Postage.

The letter postage between the United Kingdom and nearly all British Possessions is now 1½d. for the first oz. and 1d. for each succeeding oz. No letter for a Colony or Foreign Country may exceed 2 ft. in length or 1 foot in width or depth.

Magazine Post to Canada and Newfoundland.

Not exceeding 6 oz., 1d.; exceeding 6 oz., not exceeding 1½ lb., 1½d.; and 1½ lb. for each additional ½ lb. up to 5 lb.

Printed Paper Rates.

Packets and circulars not exceeding 1 oz. in weight, 4d.; exceeding 1 oz., but not exceeding 2 oz., 1d.; above 2 oz., same as letter rate. This post covers books, drawings, and documents of which particulars are given in the Post Office Guide.

Parcel Post.

Parcels not exceeding 11 lb. in weight are received at any post office for transmission between places in the United Kingdom. The rates of postage are:—
Not exceeding 5 lbs. 6d.
Exceeding 5 lbs., but not exceeding 7 lbs. 9d.
Exceeding 7 lbs., but not exceeding 11 lbs. 1s.
The dimensions allowed for an inland postal parcel are:—Greatest length, 3 ft. 6 in.; greatest length and girth combined, 6 ft.

A Parcel Post has also been established between this country and many foreign countries and the British Colonies and Possessions generally. For rates and regulations, see the Post Office Guide.

Postage on Inland Registered Newspapers.

Prepaid Rate.—On each Registered Newspaper weighing up to 6 oz., one halfpenny, and 4d. for every additional 6 oz.

Post and Letter Cards.

Post Cards, bearing a penny impressed stamp, are available for transmission between places in the United Kingdom only. They are sold at 1½d. each, or 11 for 1s.

Reply Post Cards bearing 1d. stamp on each half (two kinds, one available for inland use only, the other for international use), 2½d. each; 2s. per packet of 11. Letter Cards, bearing 1½d. stamp, 2d. each; 1s. 6d. per packet of 10.

Registered letter envelopes bearing 3d. stamps are 3½d. and 3½d., and those with 3½d. stamps from 4d. to 5½d.

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' RATES.

The following special rates have been granted:
Letters addressed to H.M. Ships in Home Waters.

Not exceeding 1 oz. 1d.
Exceeding 1 oz., but not exceeding 4 oz. 1½d.
(Thereafter the new Inland Letter Rate).

Letters addressed to H.M. Ships in Foreign Waters and H.M. Forces Abroad.

Not exceeding 1 oz. 1d.
(Thereafter at the rate of 1d. per oz.)

Money Orders for the United Kingdom.

Money Orders are granted at the following rates:—

For sums not exceeding £1 ..	2d.
Above £1, and not excdg. £3 ..	3d.
" £3 ..	10 4d.
" £10 ..	20 6d.
" £20 ..	30 8d.
" £30 ..	40 10d.

Money may be sent by Telegraph Money Order at the same rates as for ordinary Inland Money Order, plus supplementary fee of 2d. and cost of official telegram of advice.

Money Orders Abroad.

Money Orders, payable abroad, are to be had at all Money Order offices; see the Post Office Guide.

Collection on Delivery.

For a fee of 2d. on goods despatched to certain foreign countries, the Post Office will collect payment on delivery. The sum must not exceed £20. For a list of the various countries to which this arrangement applies, see the current issue of the Post Office Guide, or inquire at any post office.

Postal Orders.

Postal Orders are now issued for every 6d. up to 20s., and also for 21s., the charge being 1d. for orders from 6d. to 15s.; and 1½d. for orders above that sum.

Registration.

By the prepayment of a fee of twopence any postal packet (parcels included) may be registered to any place in the United Kingdom. Every packet to be registered must be given to an agent of the Post Office, and a receipt obtained for it. The Postmaster-General will give compensation up to a maximum limit of £400 for the loss or damage of Inland Registered Postal Packets of all kinds. The ordinary fee of 2d. secures £5; the payment of 3d. £20; 4d. £40; 5d. £60; 6d. £80; 7d. £100; 8d. £120; 9d. £140; 10d. £160; and so on.

Post Office Savings Banks.

No deposit of less than a shilling is received, nor any pence, and there is now no limit to the amount deposited. Interest is allowed at the rate of 2½ per cent. (or sixpence in the pound) per annum—that is, at the rate of one halfpenny per pound per month.

Facilities are provided for enabling depositors to invest deposits in various descriptions of Government Stock, including War Loans.

Any sum not exceeding £1 can be withdrawn without notice at any Post Office transacting Savings Bank business.

At every Post Office in the United Kingdom forms for making small deposits are issued gratuitously. Each form has twelve divisions, in each of which a penny postage stamp can be placed; when the twelve are filled in, it is received at any Post Office Savings Bank as a shilling.

Income Tax Stamps.

Income Tax Stamps of denominations ranging from 1d. to 10s. are on sale at Money Order Offices.